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Objective:

An acknowledged weakness exists in U.S.-China deliberations due to the insufficient level of interaction and cooperation between the two countries' security forces. As U.S. nuclear force reduction and Chinese nuclear modernization continue, discussions with our key Asian allies will help strengthen the credibility of extended deterrence and produce a needed exchange on new developments in Chinese nuclear forces and nuclear posture.

Dialogue reduces misperceptions, clarifies the intent of U.S. nuclear policy, enhances the American understanding of Chinese views on the role of strategic force, and increases shared interests in nonproliferation and nuclear security.

Approach:

Building on previous successful joint dialogues, reciprocal sessions will be held as a Track 1.5 Strategic Dialogue in Beijing and a Track II Strategic Dialogue in Hawaii. The Track 1.5 meeting will include higher-ranking officials and more authoritative discussions, while the Track II session will produce a more frank exchange of sensitive ideas and new proposals. Contributors include military officers (active duty and retired), think tank researchers, academics, and government officials. Government officials in the United States, Japan, and South Korea will be briefed on key findings.